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INTEGRATED FOREST PROTECTION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sought under Integrated Forest Protection Scheme during the financial year 2004-05 ;

(b) the percentage contribution of the Union and the State Governments in the said scheme ;

(c) the reasons for releasing funds under the said scheme in instalments and not on lump-sum basis ;

(d) whether the funds received in instalments are utilised within same financial year ;

(e) if not, whether funds received thereunder lapse and if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) the details of works which are undertaken by the forest department with the said funds ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) During the financial year 2004-05, under Integrated Forest Protection Scheme, an allocation of Rs. 100 crores was available.

(b) Integrated Forest Protection Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on sharing basis. The funding pattern for Special Category States including North East and Sikkim is 90 : 10 and for other States is 75 : 25 between Union and State Govts / UTs.

(c) This is being done to ensure financial discipline.

(d) and (e) The States are required to utilize the funds within the same financial year. In case the States are not able to utilise the funds, the same can be utilised during the next financial year after obtaining revalidation from Government of India.

(f) The funds are provided to the States and UTs for Strengthening of Infrastructure for forest protection, Preparation of Working Plans, Survey and Demarcation of Forest areas, Prevention and Control of forest fires, Communication, Mobility, Fire Arms and Ammunition etc.